

# Accomplishments of youth baseball team celebrated

The gathering last Sunday afternoon at the farm of Don and Beth Blowe just outside Greenbank was a grand celebration, a chance to exchange tales of days gone by and a farewell all rolled into one.

The occasion was the annual season-ending get together of players, parents and coaches of a group of young Uxbridge area baseball players who, ever since they first assembled six years ago, have been called the No Faults, in reference to their ongoing sponsorship by Uxbridge's James Campbell Insurance Company. Considered a clique by some players and parents on the outside looking in, criticized by others who feel the team's coaches put too much emphasis on winning, the truth is that this collection of highly talented young men and their parents have been able to experience the highs that come with dedication, team work and working together as one for a common cause. The No Faults needed to muster all their abilities to prevail as Ontario midget B champions over the Labour Day weekend in Port Hope. The victory meant they were the best team in the province representing towns of 20,000 people or less. It was the second time in four years the No Faults had reigned in their category in Ontario, with a second place showing to their credit as well.

With the soothing backdrop of gently rolling hills, weathered barns, horses munching on grass and Don Blowe's very own practice baseball field etched out on his property for the exclusive use of his beloved No Faults, the group assembled under the brilliant September sunshine as coach Blowe paid tribute to each player individually. The 11 teenaged gentlemen took turns standing shyly in front of the crowd as Blowe proceeded to relate anecdotes of their particular heroics during this most gratifying of seasons. He noted above all else their maturity, their complete commitment and their sportsmanlike approach to a game which often sees both winners and losers display behavior which is less than exemplary.

The players then presented their coaches, Don and his wife Beth, with five porcelain figurines of baseball players in various poses, along with a framed Norman Rockwell classic baseball scene. With the ceremony completed, the ensemble moved inside for a barbecue meal. While the boys filled their plates and headed back outside, the adults

proceeded to engage in the same kind of light hearted banter and good natured kidding they've perfected in their six years of accompanying and cheering on their offspring together on ball fields as far away as Cooperstown, NY and Freeport, Penn.

As the adults recalled the good times of the ball season just past and of previous seasons, the young men who had just a week earlier won such a magnificent victory were out there on Don's Field of Dreams, tossing a football about and looking towards the hockey season. For it won't be until

they have reached adulthood, following their own kids from ball park to ball park, that they'll be able to fully understand the magic of their youth as it related to their own admirable accomplishments.



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